Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The mission of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking; and,

Whereas, MADD has played a vital role in the enactment of tougher anti-drunk driving laws resulting in a drop in alcohol related traffic deaths; and,

Whereas, Alcohol-impaired driving remains one of the nation's most frequently committed crimes, and there remains a critical need for continued education, increased enforcement, and tougher laws and penalties for offenders; and,

Whereas, In 2016, there were 55 deaths and 589 injuries in South Dakota due to impaired drivers; and,

Whereas, This year, 2017, marks the 33rd anniversary of MADD's campaign in South Dakota to eliminate drunk driving, and I take this opportunity to acknowledge their commitment to continue efforts to eliminate drunk driving by the use of education, legislation, law enforcement, and their grass roots activism; and,

Whereas, Business, government, law enforcement, service organizations, youth, senior citizens, military, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to safe, sober driving by tying a MADD red ribbon to a visible location on their vehicles this holiday season:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 2017 as

IMPAIRED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State